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Seiji KATSUOKA et al. : Docket No. 2003-1648A  
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SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
AND SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of November 2, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group IV, claims 7, 9, 10, 18, 19, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 33, drawn to a fourth closed lid type plating apparatus, without traverse, for further prosecution.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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